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FINAL RELEASED TEXT AS FOLLOWS: HQS USAFE WIESBADEN GERMANY 17 SEPT-
EMBER 1956.

A JET RESEARCH AIR CRAFT OPERATED BY THE U S NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR AERONAUTICS EXPLODED AND CRASHED NEAR SEMDACH
GERMANY TODAY. THE PILOT IS MISSING AND BELIEVED KILLED. THE AIR-
CRAFT IS A NEW TYPE DEVELOPED BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION FOR
RESEARCH ON CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE CONVECTIVE CLOUDS WIND SHEAR AND
JET STREAM AT ALTITUDES OF 50 TO 55 THOUSAND
FEET. THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THE
NAME OF THE PILOT IS BEING WITHHELD PENDING NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF
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